11 days after assassination

Dallas.

Two days later Jack Ruby shot him dead.

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Quiz: North Sider On Weapons Count

12-3-63

Cops Seize Gun-Toting Kennedy Foe

Detectives Tuesday disclosed the arrest of a gun collecting malcontent who expressed violent anti-Kennedy views before the assassination of the late President.

Thomas Vallee, 30, of 4614 N. Paulina st., had been so critical of President Kennedy, police charged, that he said:

"If Kennedy is not defeated in the next election by Sen. Barry Goldwater [R., Ariz.], the people in the United States might as well throw away the Constitution."

Vallee had several firearms and 20,000 rounds of ammunition, which were confiscated from his apartment.

Knife on Seat

His car was halted on Nov. 2 for making an illegal turn and police discovered a hunting knife on the seat next to Vallee. He told them:

"I usually carry a carbine and 300 rounds of ammo in the trunk, just for protection in case of a sudden attack by a foreign power."

Vallee was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, taken to Jury court on Nov. 26, and a copy of the police report was sent to the secret service.

After questioning Vallee, Detectives Lawrence Coffeey and James Madden accompanied him to his apartment and found a carbine, an M-2 rifle, a .22-caliber single action target pistol, and the ammunition.

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When Vallee appeared in court, his case was continued to Dec. 11.

The police recommended that the court confiscate Vallee's weapons, even tho they quoted Vallee as telling them he would "certainly make a similar purchase" as soon as he was able to do so.

Seized for Assault

Vallee was arrested July 5 for assault with a pistol. He said he joined the marines in 1948, at the age of 15, and served for 7 years, including action in Korea.

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20 days before JFK was killed

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VALLEE was stopped for a traffic violation at Damen and Wilson, where police found a hunting knife and 2,000 rounds of ammunition in his car, and three weapons in his apartment.

He was held by Summerdale police until after President Kennedy had canceled his trip to the Army-Air Force Football game in Soldier Field.

Vallee said he returned to his native Chicago from New York City last August and is making more than $200 a week as a color lithographer for IPP Litho Plate Corp., 625 W. Jackson.

His apartment contained John Birch Society literature, a Goldwater button, and a fatigue cap he wore during his seven years in the Marines, where he was awarded the Purple Heart and oak leaf cluster for wounds suffered in the Korean War.

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12-6-67

Lawyers tell of plot here to kill JFK

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—Three attorneys in a news conference Tuesday said the Secret Service had known of a plot to kill President Kennedy in Chicago.

The information came from a former Secret Service agent, Abraham W. Bolden, 32, now imprisoned at the federal medical center in Springfield, his attorney, John Hosmer, said.

Hosmer, Mark Lane, a lawyer and author of a book on the Kennedy investigation, and Richard V. Barnes, assistant to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of New Orleans, held the news conference.

Garrison has instituted an inquiry in New Orleans. He has said he has evidence that a group of conspirators based in New Orleans was responsible for the assassination of Kennedy.

Hosmer, of Springfield, Mo., said Bolden told him he was railroaded into prison after being refused permission to tell the Warren Commission about his information.

LANE SAID the Secret Service had been informed that an attempt on Kennedy's life would be made on a planned visit to Chicago. The President's appearance later was cancelled, he said, out of fear for his safety.

The attorneys said Bolden told them that he and other agents even shadowed one suspect in Chicago as a result of the report. Bolden was sentenced in Chicago two years ago to six years' imprisonment for conspiring to sell information of a counterfeiting case.

Bolden, first Negro named to the Secret Service's White House detail, was not in Dallas when Kennedy was shot and slain Nov. 22, 1963.

When Bolden was asked to testify before the Warren Commission, Hosmer said, he was arrested and convicted in the counterfeiting case on perjured testimony.

Convicted here for conspiracy

Abraham Bolden, former Secret Service agent, was convicted in U.S. District Court here in August, 1964, of conspiring to sell confidential government information.

At the time, Bolden said he was "framed" to keep him from testifying before the Warren Commission about alleged corruption and laxity among fellow Secret Service agents assigned to guard President Kennedy.

THE KEY WITNESS against Bolden was Joseph Spagnoli, then a suspect in a counterfeiting case. Spagnoli testified that Bolden offered him $25,000 to set up the sale of a Secret Service report on the counterfeiting ring for $50,000.

Spagnoli and five other men later were convicted of counterfeiting and conspiracy. During his own trial in District Court, Spagnoli testified that he had lied in his testimony during the Bolden trial.

However, Spagnoli did not disown that part of his testimony that was most damaging to Bolden.

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